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SUBJECT: IMPENDING PERSONNEL CHANGES IN FCO AND BRITISH
DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

1. STORIES HAVE APPEARED IN BRITISH PRESS OVER THE PAST
FEW DAYS ABOUT IMPENDING HIGH LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES IN
THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND BRITISH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. WE
UNDERSTAND FROM OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES THAT THESE
PRESS STORIES ARE ACCURATE AND THAT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT THEM IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

2. SIR THOMAS BRIMELOW, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY, WILL
RETIRE IN OCTOBER AND BE REPLACED BY SIR MICHAEL PALLISER
NOW PERMANENT UK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EC. CURRENT
SPECULATION IS THAT SIR DONALD MAITLAND, NOW DEPUTY
UNDER SECRETARY, WILL REPLACE PALLISER. SIR EDWARD PECK,
PERMANENT UK REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO, WILL RETIRE IN
OCTOBER AND BE REPLACED BY SIR JOHN KILLICK, NOW DEPUTY
UNDER SECRETARY. SIR EDWARD TOMPKINS, AMBASSADOR IN
PARIS, WILL RETIRE IN NOVEMBER AND BE REPLACED BY SIR
NICHOLAS HENDERSON, NOW AMBASSADOR IN BONN. SIR OLIVER
WRIGHT, NOW DEPUTY TO THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY,
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WILL GET THE EMBASSY IN BONN. SIR GEOFFREY ARTHUR,

NOW DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, WILL RETIRE IN MAY AND BE SUCCEEDED BY RICHARD SYKES, NOW MINISTER IN WASHINGTON. FINALLY, LORD NICHOLAS GORDON LENNOX INFORMS US THAT HE WILL LEAVE THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHERE HE HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE NORTH AMERICA DEPARTMENT TO BECOME HEAD OF CHANCERY IN PARIS IN JULY.

3. WE DO NOT AT THIS POINT KNOW WHO WILL REPLACE THE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS BEING POSTED TO MISSIONS ABROAD BUT WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS MESSAGE WHEN WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

4. WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FULL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE FOREGOING OFFICIALS BUT IF THEY AND INTERESTED POSTS HAVE GAPS IN THEIR INFORMATION WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO FURNISH IT ON REQUEST. WE ASSUME ALSO THAT USMISSION EC BRUSSELS AND EMBASSY BONN WILL WISH TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN EVALUATIONS OF PALLISER AND HENDERSON RESPECTIVELY.

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